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**Amendment and Response**

Sir:

This paper responds to the non-final Office Action mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on July 31, 2007. Authorization is herein granted to apply the extension fees and any other fees or credits due in this case to Deposit Account 50-2295.

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